GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:439
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REHABILITATION OF WAR DISABLED
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the facilities presently available for the rehabilitation of the war disabled; and

(b) the number of disabled benefited from these schemes during the last three years, year-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a)&(b): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 439 FOR 25.7.2001.

The war disabled who are fit for civil jobs in Central Government Departments, are eligible on priority-I for employment against Groups 'C' and 'D' posts, for which, recruitment is made through the Directorate General of Employment and Training. They can also avail of the benefit of loan assistance on liberalised terms under self- employment schemes to set up tiny/small scale industries, small scale service enterprises, under take agriculture and allied activity, set up khadi and village industries in rural areas. Besides, Queen Mary Technical Institute, Pune, a private charitable institution, conducts ITIrecognised vocational trades training courses for disabled ex-Servicemen to facilitate their rehabilitation. In addition, paraplegic homes at Kirkee and Mohali are being run for rehabilitation of paraplegic and tetraplegic ex-Servicemen. Disabled soldiers are also provided artificial limbs by Artificial Limbs Centres.

Monetary Benefits:- The Armed Forces personnel disabledin war or war like operations are given war injury pension at the rate of reckonable emoluments last drawn if the degree of disablement is 100% and this is proportionately reduced if the disability is less than 100%. The disabled Officers/Junior Commissioned Officers/Other Ranks, invalidated out of service, are covered under the Army Group Insurance Scheme for insurance amount ranging from Rs. 80,000/- to Rs. 4 lakhs in the case of Officers and Rs. 37,500/- to Rs. 1,87,500/- in the case of Junior Commissioned Officers/Other Ranks, depending upon the level of disability.

The Armed Forces personnel boarded out of service due to injuries sustained in Kargil operation have been given ex- gratia grant from National Defence Fund, rangingfrom Rs. 3.0 lakhs to Rs. 6.0 lakhs, depending upon the level of injuries on completion of necessary procedural requirements. They have also been granted Rs. 5 lakhs from this fund for acquiring a dwelling unit or for making addition/alterations/renovation of the existing units.

Information about the number of war disabled who have been benefited from the various schemes is not centrally monitored.